

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all women's reproductive cancers, and is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women in the United States, occurring in 1-out-of-every-75 women; with the projected new diagnosis of 22,000 women with a national mortality rate of 14,000; and

WHEREAS: While the incident rate for ovarian cancer is not as high as breast or lung cancer for women, the death rate is much higher due to eighty percent of ovarian cancers being diagnosed in advance stages 3 and 4 where prognosis is poor; and

WHEREAS: In Arkansas, approximately 190 new ovarian cancers will be diagnosed and will have approximately 140 deaths due to ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: Only a small percentage of women are familiar with the symptoms of ovarian cancer and a large percentage of women incorrectly believe a yearly Pap smear is effective in the diagnosis of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness of symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer will enhance chances of early detection and survival from the disease; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Ovarian Cancer Coalition will promote ovarian cancer awareness and education during the month of September 2015 to help address the lack of knowledge of the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 2015, as

**OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State